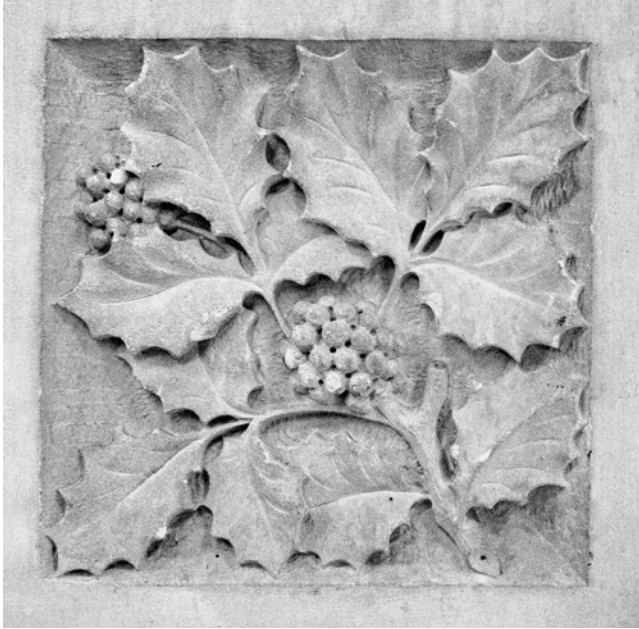


The Church of the Ascension
in the City of New York
FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET



December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Hymn 56

Veni, veni

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever*
 Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

(Children who are present may gather around the Advent Wreath and the four candles are lit.)

All Come, O Holy One, as the beloved child, Emmanuel!
Soften our hearts and open our arms for your coming
that we may make this a place worthy and warm,
kindly and safe for all your children, in the name of
Jesus. Amen.

The Word of God

A Reading from Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. (5:2-5a)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 437

Birmingham

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he

said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (10:5-10)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Reader	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

The Sermon

The Rev. Edwin Chinery

The Nicene Creed *(All stand and say together)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form I

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen and Mary our own Bishops, and for all the clergy and people; in the Anglican Cycle of prayer, for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the leaders of the nations, for Joe our President; Kathy our Governor, Bill our Mayor, Eric our Mayor-elect, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For Robert, Ed, Janet, Ellen, Joseph, Brielle, Lucas, Holly, Allejandro and Jesus, Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia, Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael, Todd, Fanny, Andrew, Heidi, Lillie, and Ed; for the peoples of Ethiopia, Haiti and Afghanistan, and for all affected by the tornados in Kentucky and the mid-West, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Julie Ortiz, Billy Harris, Kitty Brett, Andrew Stengel, Barry Harris, Lenore Mott, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

Leader For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(All say together)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(The priest says the absolution)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing
“Holy, holy” to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is
and is to come; sing “Holy, Holy, Lord!” Rejoice in heaven, all ye
that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is
coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be
no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be
their All!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

(The people stand while the offerings are presented)

Sursum corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel, and the priest continues.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

<i>People</i>	<i>We remember his death,</i>
	<i>We proclaim his resurrection,</i>
	<i>We await his coming in glory;</i>

(The priest continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Communion of the People

(The celebrant says the following invitation)

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people come forward single-file up the center aisle, maintaining appropriate physical distance of at least 6 feet. Wait at the designated place for the person ahead of you to be communicated and leave before you approach the priest to receive. After receiving the host, please exit by way of the south aisle around to the center aisle and up to your seat. Once at your seat you may remove your mask long enough to consume the host. For anyone needing ambulatory assistance, the priest will come to you at your seat.

Hymn 268

Julion

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Said together by all)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome Back to In-Person Church at 11 am We are so happy to see you all again, and to be together in our beautiful church building. Please join us in the front garden under our new tent, after the service for coffee and tea. As a reminder, masks are required inside and recommended outside. Our services are also livestreamed via our usual Zoom link!

New Way to Watch us Remotely! Starting this Sunday you can access the Sunday services directly from the portal rather than via Zoom. To watch, go to ascensionnyc.org/webcasts. To submit prayers during the service for the Prayers of the People, go to Ascensionnyc.org/Prayers and type in your prayer request. Be sure to add them before the end of the sermon.

Evening Prayer services remain broadcast on Zoom.

Christmas Flower Offering: Final Sunday!- Help us decorate the church for Christmas with flowers and greenery. Please submit your memorials and thanksgivings to the Parish Office (info@ascensionnyc.org or 212-254-8620) by **today**, Sunday, December 19. You may use the enclosed envelope or go online to our Abundant Giving page to designate your memorial names and thanksgivings.

Greening the Church! Today, December 19th, after the 11am service, we'll be decorating the interior of the church for Christmas. If you'd like to be part of what's sure to be a good time making our worship space beautiful for the season, grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us for an hour or so! Thanks so much!

Vestry Nominations – Today is the Deadline - Four people are to be elected to the Ascension vestry at our annual meeting on Jan. 30, 2022. Serving on the vestry is an opportunity to provide spiritually grounded leadership, with an emphasis on our finances and our three historic properties. Members are to support the church's mission by their actions and by regular attendance at services, including Zoom of course. If you are interested in running or wish to nominate someone, please obtain forms from the church office or from a member of the nominating committee: Isabel Spencer, Rachel Sedor, Shep Skiff, Steve Hubbard, or Joan Castagnone. Candidates must have been pledging members of the Church of the Ascension for one year prior to the meeting. Vestry members are expected to attend regular meetings, which are on the third Wednesday of every month, except August. The vestry retreat will be held Feb. 4 & 5. The deadline for nominations is December 19. For additional information, please see a committee member.

Hospitality: Warmest Greetings to one and all! We're so happy to have returned to in-person worship on Sundays. And while we've obtained a tent and some heaters, which make our

outdoor coffee hour quite cozy, we're also hoping to return to a regular schedule of hospitality hosts who will help by making coffee and tea available. Maybe even some cookies on occasion! This ministry of gathering and welcoming is essential to our community, so if you are moved to serve in this way, please contact the parish office so we can plan our schedule going forward. Thank you!

The Roman Catholic/Episcopal dialogue subgroup of the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission is hosting a series of discussions on Zoom about “God’s Gift of the Eucharist” on January 11, 18, & 25 of 2022. Our own Elizabeth Adams will be hosting along with Fr. Bob Flanagan, a priest in our diocese, and Fr. Brian McWeeney of the Catholic archdiocese of New York. Please do join in this fascinating and lively discussion of the sacrament that is central to our identity as Christians. The event is free but space is limited. For information, please contact Fr. Brian at brian.mcweeney@archny.org, or Fr. Robert at growingasoul@gmail.com)

Crochet Creations by Jeannette! Hello there, Ascensioners! Jeanette Shields is offering crochet hats, scarves, sweaters, dresses, baby's clothing, and other wares. They are colorful, attractive to the eye, warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and some can be quite dramatic! Visit her website at: jeanettemarietrochet.squarespace.com

Monday Evening Lectionary Bible Study -- Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This is an opportunity to read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sibyl Piccone at [srpiccone@yahoo.com](mailto:srpicone@yahoo.com)

Worship With Us:

- **Sunday Holy Eucharist** (Church) 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday Holy Eucharist with Music** (Church) 11:00 a.m.
Coffee & tea in the front garden following the service

- **Sunday Livestream Service via Zoom** at 11:00 a.m.
zoom.us/j/322793633 (929-205-6099, meeting ID: 322 793 633)
- **Sunday Meditation & Sacrament** (Church) 6:00 p.m
- **Wednesday Evening Eucharist** (Church) 6:00 p.m.
- **Evening Prayer Every Weekday Evening** via Zoom:
ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer. 5:30p.m.
- **Prayer & Meditation** - Every Weekday the Church is open for prayer and meditation every weekday; Monday through Friday, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Open Church will begin with Noonday Prayer, led by Brother Andrew, OSF.

Christmas at Ascension

Christmas Eve

(Reservations Required: ascensionnyc.org/christmaseve)

Family Service, 5:00 p.m.

Prelude Music for Christmas, 9:30 p.m.

& Festival Eucharist, 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist & Hymns; 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 26

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols, 11:00 a.m.

<h3>How to view the Christmas Servies:</h3>
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<p>Go to Ascensionnyc.org/webcasts</p>

Parish Activities this Week

Sunday – December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org/webcasts)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Greening of the Church (Church) following the service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Monday – December 20

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Lectionary Bible Study (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday – December 21

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

EfM (Parish Hall/Zoom) 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday – December 22

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Midweek Holy Eucharist (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – December 23

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall) 5:30 p.m.

Friday – December 24 – Christmas Eve

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Eve (Church) 5:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Festal Service (Church)

Prelude Music, 9:30 p.m.

Festal Eucharist, 10:00 p.m.

Saturday – December 25 – Christmas Day

Christmas Day Eucharist with Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

Sunday – December 26 – First Sunday of Christmas

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Lessons & Carols (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org/webcasts)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Anyone entering the church must wear a mask and maintain appropriate physical distance. Please utilize the hand sanitizer stations.

Rota

December 19

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector Rachel Sedor

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Tom Rice, Isabel Spencer

Ushers Madonna Stack, Terry Rogers,

Lectors Vin Knight, Gretchen Dumler

Intercessor Elizabeth Adams

Server Mike Surabian

Crucifer Daniel Cole

Torches Candace Lombardi, John Grimes

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Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Eucharist w/ Music, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Online Church, 11:00 a.m. (Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday)

Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.

Weeknight Evening, 5:30 p.m. (ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer)

<i>Clergy & Staff</i>	<i>Vestry</i>
The Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, <i>Rector</i>	Maurice Seaton, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Edwin Chinery, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Isabel Spencer, <i>Warden</i>
The Rev. Posey Krakowsky, <i>Priest Associate</i>	Mary Gaillard, <i>Treasurer</i>
Charles E. Schmidt, <i>Chancellor</i>	Elizabeth Adams, <i>Clerk</i>
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Hymns for December 19, 2021

Entrance Hymn

Hymn #56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

[Refrain]

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

[Refrain]

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

[Refrain]

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

[Refrain]

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

[Refrain]

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

[Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

[Refrain]

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

[Refrain]

Magnificat Hymn

Hymn #437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Birmingham

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has
done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name-the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to
flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Communion Hymn

Hymn #268

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

Julion

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
over sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.

Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother,
she who bore him in her womb.

Therefore let all faithful people
sing the honor of her name;
let the Church, in her foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same:

"Magnify, my soul, God's greatness;
in my Savior I rejoice;
all the ages call me blessed,
in his praise I lift my voice;
he has cast down all the mighty,
and the lowly are his choice."

Exit Hymn

Hymn

#54 Savior of the nations, come Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Savior of the nations, come!
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child
of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son,
eager now his race to run!

Thus on earth the Word appears,
gracing his created spheres;
hence to death and hell descends,
then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son,
who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be;
grant that we its glories see.